

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : METHOD OF PLAYING A GAME OF CHANCE INCLUDING
PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL GAME PLAY INFORMATION
AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 3711
Examiner : Benjamin LAYNO
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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW
(MAY 9 AND MAY 25, 2006)**

SIR:

On May 9, 2006, Examiner Benjamin Layno conducted a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, Andrew Reibman, Esq. (Reg. 47, 893), regarding the above-captioned case. The arguments presented in Applicant's previously filed after-final response were discussed. All of the independent claims were discussed, as was the cited Goldberg reference. The Examiner indicated that he believed that a minor additional amendment would place the claims in condition for allowance. While disagreeing that the amendment was required, to expedite prosecution, Applicant agreed to prepare a draft supplemental amendment reflecting the changes to the claims, and addressing formal matters.

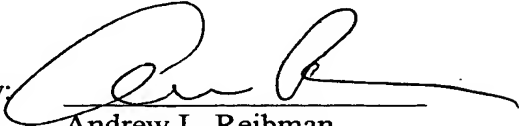
On May 25, 2006, Examiner Layno had a further telephonic interview with Mr. Reibman regarding a draft supplemental amendment submitted by facsimile by Mr. Reibman to Examiner Layno on May 24, 2006. Agreement was reached that the draft supplemental amendment placed all the claims in condition for allowance with the exception of claim 39.

While disagreeing that claim 39 required further amendment, Applicant agreed to amend claim 39 in a manner similar to the other independent claims to place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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